

Homeless Helpline  
**1-877-994-4357**  
(H E L P)

**To Volunteer:**

You can find a complete list of our providers at  
[www.miamidade.gov/homeless](http://www.miamidade.gov/homeless)

**To Sponsor an "End Homelessness"  
Parking Meter:**  
305-375-1490

**Media Contacts:**  
305-375-1490

If you are Homeless or  
at risk of Homelessness,  
please call the Homeless Helpline  
1-877-994-4357.

If you are seeking information about  
homeless programs and services or  
affordable housing, please visit our website  
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# Who is The Homeless Trust?

The Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust was formed in 1993 with the specific mission of ending homelessness in Miami-Dade County.

Our \$40,000,000 budget (Comprised of local food and beverage tax as well as federal and state funding) is used to fund local not-for-profit agencies that provide over 100 unique housing & service programs.

Nationally recognized as a best practice model to end homelessness.

Since 1993, the Homeless Trust has helped reduce street homelessness from more than 8,000 to 1,000.

We have created a "continuum of care" that includes:

- Homeless Prevention & Diversion
- Coordinated Outreach, Assessment and Placement
- Emergency, Transitional & Permanent Housing
- Supportive Services

We have developed a new model to end homelessness that rapidly places people who experience homelessness while helping to increase the supply of affordable housing and access to services in our community.

# What Can You Do To Help?

Homelessness is an issue that can only be solved through the involvement of the entire community.

## Volunteer:

Agencies and shelters throughout Miami-Dade need your help. Your time is just as valuable to them as your donations.

## Donate Effectively:

Giving money to panhandlers may seem like a kind thing to do but there are many issues with this including:

- There's no telling what the money is used for
- It enables people to stay on the street instead of getting the help they need
- Many panhandlers are not homeless

It is far more effective to **put your spare change into one of the Homeless Trust meters**. 100% of monies collected in these meters are used for shelter and indoor meal programs for people experiencing homelessness. Instead of giving panhandlers your spare change, hand them a card with The Homeless Helpline number on it (1-877-994-4357). The help they need to get off the streets and into housing is available 24 hours a day when they call this number. Cards are available at shops and restaurants throughout Miami-Dade County.

## Stop Street Feedings:

Feeding people on the street may seem helpful. It is important, however, to deploy your generosity in a way that has the most impact and in a way that does not encourage people to stay on the street or create trash in our environment. Providing meals in indoor settings linked to social services is a much more dignified community response. To participate in an indoor meal program that is affiliated with The Homeless Trust, please call the Homeless Helpline.



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